

CONGRESSMAN **JESSE L. JACKSON JR.**
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CONGRESSMAN JACKSON SECURES FUNDS TO IMPROVE 911 SERVICES,

COMBAT YOUTH VIOLENCE, AND IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said the House of Representatives today approved the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill by a vote of 259 to 157.

"The resources in this bill will keep our communities safe by upgrading three local emergency dispatch services, combating youth violence and improving opportunities for underserved youth," said Jackson.

The bill needs to be reconciled with the Senate version and sent to the President for his signature.

The Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill includes the following Illinois 2nd District requests:

\$350,000 for a Combined Emergency Telephone System Board which provides emergency 911 dispatch service for Lynwood, Thornton and East Hazel Crest. This funding will replace and upgrade outdated equipment and software.

\$100,000 for the E-Com Dispatch Center that serves Homewood, Flossmoor, Glenwood, Hazel Crest, Riverdale and South Holland to install an Uninterrupted Power Supply and an environmental control system.

\$100,000 for the SouthCom Combined Dispatch Center that serves Matteson, Olympia Fields, Richton Park and Park Forest to upgrade to a high-speed, fiber optic broadband network.

\$100,000 for the Village of Thornton to purchase and upgrade a mobile data browser which would allow police officers to complete case reports in the field and receive immediate dispatch alerts.

\$200,000 for Restoration Ministries in Harvey to provide social services to underserved individuals and to implement its youth development and gang prevention program.

\$250,000 for CeaseFire Chicago to design interventions and work with community and

government partners to reduce violence in the 7th Ward.

\$350,000 for the Chicago School of Professional Psychology to provide behavioral health services to underserved residents to reduce violence and other negative behaviors.

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